

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: SLAUGHTER et al

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Title: MECHANISM BY WHICH PLATFORM  
INDEPENDENT SOFTWARE MAY BIND  
TO AND ACCESS PLATFORM  
DEPENDENT SOFTWARE

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Sir:

Prior to an action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

18. The method as recited in claim [18] 17, wherein the business card is instantiated by a system administrator at system start up.

Respectfully submitted,  
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